



Prince George's County Municipal Association

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HOUSE BILL 12 – SUPPORT

Environment & Transportation Committee

February 2, 2023

The Prince George's County Municipal Association writes to **SUPPORT House Bill 12 - Equitable and Inclusive Transit-Oriented Development Enhancement Act** which creates a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Fund for the purpose of promoting equitable and inclusive TOD throughout the State. For each fiscal year, the Governor must include in the annual budget bill an appropriation sufficient to ensure a fund balance of at least \$10.0 million at the start of the fiscal year. These additional funds to local jurisdictions and municipalities can lead to more jobs, more businesses and in-turn, robust thriving communities.

Expanding TOD funding as well as strategic development plans help to boost the economy while helping the environment. Prince George's County and its municipalities have made smart development a priority over the past few years, calling for dense, walkable, bikeable, mixed-use development around public transit. This must needed economic boost would help maintain and expand affordable housing for our current and future municipal residents.

Municipalities are often densely populated centers of their region and in need of creative planning in terms of housing and transportation. TODs are in existence in and around some municipalities already and leverage access to mass transit with housing opportunities nearby. HB 710, and the fund it creates, will allow municipalities to defray some costs associated with TOD design plans, infrastructure improvements, and gap funding

House Bill 12 will benefit municipalities in Prince George's County and across the state, and we respectfully request a favorable report. Thank you.

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